

TO THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

No. PD-0703-16

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STEPHEN HOPPER

From the Fourteenth Court of Appeals
No. 14-15-00371-CR
339th District Court No. 673236
Harris County, Texas

vs.

STATE OF TEXAS

**Appellant's FINAL Motion for Extension
For FIVE DAYS
Due to Medical Emergency**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

COMES NOW, STEPHEN HOPPER, and files this his Final Motion for Extension, and in support thereof, would respectfully show the Court the following:

I.

This Court granted the State's and the Appellant's petitions for discretionary review on October 19, 2016. The appellant's brief was first due November 18, 2016. This Court granted one fifteen-day extension until December 5, 2016.

II.

Counsel for the appellant suffered a medical emergency involving accidental trauma to her right forearm last week on November 26th for which she had to be taken to the emergency room. Counsel's ability to work—especially with regard to typing and operating a computer with her right hand—has been substantially impaired.

Previously, counsel received her first extension of time on November 18th and then was out-of-town on a long-planned family visit from November 19th to the 25th before suffering injury upon her return. Counsel's ability to work has been impeded since that time but continues to improve.

Due to these difficult and unusual circumstances, counsel humbly requests just a small extension to produce the brief in this very important case. Counsel apologizes for the delay and does not wish to cause any inconvenience to the Court.

III.

Appellant's attorney requests an extension of 5 days, until December 10, 2016, which is necessary so that the brief can be thoroughly written and timely filed. This motion is not made for the purpose of delay.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Appellant prays that this Honorable Court grants this requested extension of time to file the appellant's brief on the merits in the above cause and extend the time for filing to December 10, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

By my signature below, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Appellant's Motion to Extend Time to File Brief on the Merits has been served on the State Prosecuting Attorney and the District Attorney of Harris County, Texas, via the e-file service.

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